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TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT

DEVELOPMENT AND UTILIZATION OF NEW AND RENEWABLE SOURCES OF ENERGY

DEVELOPMENT OF THE ENERGY RESOURCES OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Report of the Economic Committee

A. Implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade

1. The Economic Committee considered the question of the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade (agenda item 12 (a)) at its 2nd to 4th and 16th meetings, on 30 June and 1 and 28 July 1992. It had before it the following reports:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade (A/47/270-E/1992/74);

(b) Report of the Committee for Development Planning on its twenty-eighth session (E/1992/27). 1/

1/ To be issued as Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1992, Supplement No. 7 (E/1992/27).

2. At its 2nd to 4th meetings, on 30 June and 1 July, the Committee held a general discussion on the questions of the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade (agenda item 12 (a)), trade and development (agenda item 12 (b)), development and utilization of new and renewable sources of energy (agenda item 12 (g)) and development of the energy resources of developing countries (agenda item 12 (h)).

3. At the 2nd meeting, on 30 June, the Committee heard an introductory statement by the Director of the Development, Policy and Analysis Division of the Department of Economic and Social Development.

4. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Pakistan (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77), Finland (on behalf of the Nordic countries), China, Romania and Australia and the observer for Portugal (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Economic Community). The representative of the World Food Council made a statement. The representative of the Commission of the European Communities also made a statement. The representative of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Council, category I, also made a statement.

5. At the 3rd meeting, on 30 June, statements were made by the representatives of Japan, Argentina, the Russian Federation and Sweden (on behalf of the Nordic countries). The representative of the International Labour Organisation made a statement. The representative of the World Federation of Trade Unions, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Council, category I, also made a statement.

6. At the 4th meeting, on 1 July, statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Economic Community), Colombia, Yugoslavia, Mexico, Poland, the United States of America, Malaysia, Suriname, India, Algeria, Belarus and Bangladesh and the observer for Sri Lanka.

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade

7. At the 16th meeting, on 28 July, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend to the Economic and Social Council that it take note of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade (A/47/270-E/1992/74) (see para. 24 below, draft decision I).

B. Trade and development

8. The Economic Committee considered the question of trade and development (agenda item 12 (b)) at its 2nd to 4th and 16th meetings, on 30 June and 1 and 28 July 1992. It had before it the report of the Trade and Development Board on the second part of its thirty-eighth session (A/47/15). 2/

9. At its 2nd to 4th meetings, on 30 June and 1 July, the Committee held a general discussion on the item (see paras. 2-6 above).

10. At the 2nd meeting, on 30 June, the Committee heard an introductory statement by the Deputy to the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

Report of the Trade and Development Board on the second part of its thirty-eighth session

11. At the 16th meeting, on 28 July, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend to the Economic and Social Council that it take note of the report of the Trade and Development Board on the second part of its thirty-eighth session (A/47/15) (see para. 24 below, draft decision II).

C. Development and utilization of new and renewable sources of energy

12. The Economic Committee considered the question of utilization of new and renewable sources of energy (agenda item 12 (g)) at its 2nd to 4th and 16th meetings, on 30 June and 1 and 28 July 1992. It had before it the report of the Committee on the Development and Utilization of New and Renewable Sources of Energy on its sixth session (A/47/36). 3/

13. At its 2nd to 4th meetings, on 30 June and 1 July, the Committee held a general discussion on the item (see paras. 2-6 above).

14. At the 2nd meeting, on 30 June, the Committee heard an introductory statement by the Director of the Science and Technology, Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Division of the Department of Economic and Social Development.

2/ To be issued as Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/47/15, vol. I).

3/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 36 (A/47/36).

Report of the Committee on the Development and Utilization of New and Renewable Sources of Energy on its sixth session

15. At the 16th meeting, on 28 July, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend to the Economic and Social Council that it take note of the report of the Committee on the Development and Utilization of New and Renewable Sources of Energy on its sixth session (A/47/36) (see para. 24 below, draft decision III).

D. Development of the energy resources of developing countries

16. The Economic Committee considered the question of development of the energy resources of developing countries (agenda item 12 (h)) at its 2nd to 4th, 8th and 16th meetings, on 30 June and 1, 20 and 28 July 1992. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General on energy exploration and development trends in developing countries (A/47/202-E/1992/51).

17. At its 2nd to 4th meetings, on 30 June and 1 July, the Committee held a general discussion on the item (see paras. 2-6 above).

18. At the 2nd meeting, on 30 June, the Committee heard an introductory statement by the Director of the Science and Technology, Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Division of the Department of Economic and Social Development.

19. At the 8th meeting, on 20 July, the representative of Pakistan, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77, introduced a draft resolution (E/1992/C.1/L.1) entitled "Development of the energy resources of developing countries", which read as follows:

"The Economic and Social Council,

"Reaffirming the critical importance of the development of energy resources of developing countries and the need for measures by the international community to assist and support the efforts of developing countries, in particular the energy-deficient among them, to develop their energy resources in order to meet their needs through cooperation, assistance and investment in the field of conventional and of new and renewable sources of energy, consistent with their national policies, plans and priorities,

"Reaffirming also that the developing countries have the primary responsibility for the strategies and policies for the exploration and development of their energy resources,

"1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on energy exploration and development trends in developing countries (A/47/202-E/1992/51);

"2. Reaffirms that an adequate flow of external resources in support of the national efforts of developing countries, in particular the energy-deficient among them, is needed to finance, within the legislative framework of each country, the exploration and development of their energy resources;

"3. Requests the Secretary-General to keep the matter under constant review and to submit to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1994 a report on the efforts made in this regard;

"4. Strongly endorses the recommendation of the Secretary-General that the General Assembly consider the preparation of an expanded programme of action in order to mobilize the international community to increase efforts for comprehensive national, bilateral and multilateral measures to accelerate the exploration and development of energy resources in developing countries, with full respect to their national sovereignty."

20. At the 16th meeting, on 28 July, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Selim Yenel (Turkey), introduced a draft resolution (E/1992/C.1/L.18), submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution E/1992/C.1/L.1.

21. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution E/1992/C.1/L.18 (see para. 23 below).

22. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution E/1992/C.1/L.18, draft resolution E/1992/C.1/L.1 was withdrawn.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

23. The Economic Committee recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Development of the energy resources of developing countries

The Economic and Social Council,

Reaffirming the critical importance of the development of energy resources of developing countries and the need for measures by the international community to assist and support the efforts of developing countries, in particular the energy-deficient among them, to develop their energy resources in order to meet their needs through cooperation, assistance and investment in the field of conventional and of new and renewable sources of energy, consistent with their national policies, plans and priorities,

Reaffirming also that the developing countries have the primary responsibility for the strategies and policies for exploration and development of their energy resources,

Recognizing the importance of sustainable development,

1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on energy exploration and development trends in developing countries; 4/

2. Reaffirms that an adequate flow of external resources in support of the national efforts of developing countries, in particular the energy-deficient among them, is needed to finance, within the legislative framework of each country, the exploration and development of their energy resources;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to keep the matter under constant review and to submit to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1994 a report on the efforts made in this regard;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1994 on the role of the United Nations in devising ways and means of mobilizing the international community to increase efforts for comprehensive national, bilateral and multilateral measures to accelerate the exploration and development of energy resources in developing countries, with full respect for their national sovereignty;

5. Further requests the Secretary-General to draw this matter to the attention of the Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and Energy for Development at its first substantive session.

24. The Economic Committee also recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decisions:

DRAFT DECISION I

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade

The Economic and Social Council takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade. 5/

4/ A/47/202-E/1992/51.

5/ A/47/270-E/1992/74.

DRAFT DECISION II

Report of the Trade and Development Board on the second part of its thirty-eighth session

The Economic and Social Council takes note of the report of the Trade and Development Board on the second part of its thirty-eighth session. 6/

DRAFT DECISION III

Report of the Committee on the Development and Utilization of New and Renewable Sources of Energy on its sixth session

The Economic and Social Council takes note of the report of the Committee on the Development and Utilization of New and Renewable Sources of Energy on its sixth session. 7/

6/ A/47/15; to be issued as Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/47/15, vol. I).

7/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 36 (A/47/36).